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SUBJECT: RWANDA: BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICY

OBJECTIVES

REF: STATE 111391

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. PER REFTEL, ON 4/28 DCM INFORMED RIK COOLSAET, POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISOR IN CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER CLAES, OF U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY FRAMEOWRK (AS LAID OUT IN PARA 3) AND REQUESTED THAT BELGIANS ALSO MAKE DEMARCHES CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE TO KEY RWANDAN ARMY AND MILITARY FIGURES AND TO RPF LEADERS.

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POLOFF HAD SIMILAR DISCUSSION WITH WILFRIED JAENEN, BELGIAN MFA DIRECTOR FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA SAME DAY (SEPTEL).

- 3. COOLSAET SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY THINKING ALONG THESE LINES AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING FURTHER TODAY IN THE MINISTRY HOW TO PROCEED. HE SAID THAT IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT AMY STEPS THE GOB TAKES WILL BE EVENHANDED.
- 4. HE SAID THAT THE MINISTRY HAD ALREADY CALLED IN THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS (LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26) TO PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF THE RWANDAN MISSION TO THE UN WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATING DOCUMENTS ACCUSING THE BELGIANS OF VARIOUS NEFARIOUS ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOWNING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. COOLSAET SAID THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR RESPONDED CONFIDENTIAL

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"DIPLOMATICALLY", SAYING THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH
ALLEGED ACTIONS ON THE PART OF HIS UN COLLEAGUE BUT WOULD
CONVEY BELGIAN CONCERNS TO KIGALI.

5. COOLSAET SAID ALSO THAT THE MFA, FOLLOWING TALKS WITH MEDECIN SANS FRONTIERES, HAD ASKED ITS UN DELEGATION TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHAT UNAMIR CAN ACTUALLY DO ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA. BELGIANS WOULD LIKE TO PUSH FORWARD THE IDEA OF "SECURITY ZONES" TO FACILITATE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. COOLSAET ACKNOWLEGED THE DELICACY OF THIS ISSUE FOR BELGIUM, CONSIDERING THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD IT RETURN ITS MILITARY CONTINGENT TO UNAMIR TO AID IN THE CREATION OF SUCH ZONES. BLINKEN

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